

Table 23. Characteristics of doctoral scientists and engineers on postdoc, by selected field of doctorate: 1999

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Demographic characteristic	Field of doctorate		
	All fields	Biological and agricultural sciences	Other fields
Total postdocs (number).....	24,000	14,300	9,700
		Percent	
Years since doctorate			
5 years or less.....	83	81	85
6-10 years.....	16	18	12
11-15 years.....	S	S	S
More than 15 years.....	S	S	S
Sex			
Male.....	60	56	65
Female.....	40	44	35
Race/ethnicity			
White ¹	64	62	68
Black.....	S	S	S
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	28	32	23
Hispanic.....	4	S	S
American Indian/Alaskan Native.....	S	S	S
Age			
Under 35.....	52	48	57
35-44.....	41	45	35
45-75.....	7	S	S
Citizenship status			
U.S. citizen.....	67	66	67
Non-U.S. citizen.....	33	34	33
Employment sector			
Educational institution.....	78	79	76
Business/industry.....	11	11	10
Other.....	11	10	14

¹ 'Other' race included with 'White'.

KEY: -- = Percent < 0.5 and estimated weighted cases >= 1,000.

S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Race/ethnicity data are shown for all doctorate recipients, including temporary residents. Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to total because of rounding. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1999.

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